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Blatter et al.

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 2, with the following rewritten  
paragraph:

Q --The present application is a continuation-in-part patent application of

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/460,740 entitled Compression Plate  
Anastomosis Apparatus which was filed on December 14, 1999 on behalf of